

Moran to Present War Medals to 'Battle of the Bulge' Veteran in Canton

Event to Honor Veteran's Service in World War II

CANTON - Congressman Jerry Moran announced today that he will present Clarence Weyand of Canton with medals from his service in World War II. This ceremony will mark the first time that Weyand has received his awards. The medals to be presented are the Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three bronze service stars, World War II Victory Medal, World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button, and Sharpshooter Badge with Carbine bar.

"I am pleased that I am able to present Mr. Weyand with the medals that he bravely earned and deserves," Moran said. "Men and women like him are called the Greatest Generation for a reason, and Clarence Weyand exemplifies what it means to be a part of that heroic group."

During World War II, Weyand fought in the Battle of the Bulge as a tank gunner. During the battle, Weyand's tank became disabled, and he and his crewmates became separated from their unit. The soldiers were then taken in by a local farmer and were housed and fed until they could be smuggled back to their unit several days later. In order to avoid German forces, the soldiers were forced to hide in haystacks during the day and travel only at night. Upon returning, they discovered that the Army had already listed them as 'missing in action.'

The awards ceremony will take place on **Thursday, September 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Shiloh Manor of Canton in Canton.**

Moran will be joined by members of the American Legion and American Legion Riders of Canton and by members of the Weyand family. When Weyand returned home from World War II, he married Mildred Ruth Vogts in 1953. Mildred and Clarence have two sons, Allen Royce and Terry Lee Weyand. In May of 1980, Weyand retired from Canton Unified School District No. 419 where he served as their custodian.

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